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Note verbale dated 28 March 1973 from the Permanent Representative of
Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, under instructions from his Government, has the honour to invite attention to the following:

1. This Permanent Mission has had opportunity in the past to refer to the various acts of terrorism perpetrated by FRELIMO, which resulted in numbers of dead and wounded among the populations of Mozambique, as it happened in the month of November 1972 (cf. Permanent Mission's press release No. 19 of 18 December 1972).

2. In that press release, it was stated that:

"... some members of FRELIMO have sneaked into villages near the border and planted explosive charges inside bundles of wood and corn stacked in the fields.

This procedure, which constitutes one of the most condemnable forms of terrorism, caused the death of 11 peasants and wounded 26, during the second half of November..."

3. In proof of the above statement, a series of six photographs taken of some of the victims in a hospital are transmitted herewith. These provide an eloquent testimony of the results obtained by FRELIMO in relation to the populations who refuse to give it their collaboration.

The Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations would appreciate it if the Secretary-General of the United Nations directed that this note and the photographs accompanying it be published as an official document of the General Assembly.

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